

## **Additional Information Requested From New EU Member States**

Because of the unique characteristics of the EU, the additional information requested in this document is necessary to address the 11 risk-analysis factors listed in the document *Clarification of Information Requested for Recognition of a Region* (Enclosure 1).

### **Infrastructure, surveillance, control measures (emergency and movement), and marketing and demographics**

For each new Member State, please list the laws and regulations which transpose the applicable European Commission (EC) decisions, directives, and regulations regarding animal health controls, surveillance, and contingency plans into national regulations. Describe the degree to which these national regulations have been implemented in each new Member State. Describe unique approaches taken in each of these areas by individual Member States that are not required by EC regulations or characteristics of individual regions that might contribute to risk (e.g., with regard to demographics and marketing).

The information provided on the topics listed above should include (but not be limited to) the following:

- How completely has each Member State law incorporated EC regulations? Please describe any discrepancies and detail the process by which the Member State intends to fully transpose EC regulations into its national law.
- How well do local and national authorities know and understand the EC measures? What resources are available to implement and enforce regulations? How effective are the implementation and enforcement?
- To what extent have contingency plans been approved by the EC and implemented by the Member State? Describe the process by which the EC will monitor or audit these contingency plans. What happens when the FVO veterinary inspection reports denote deficiencies in a Member State's contingency plan or make recommendations for change? Describe the process by which the EC will ensure that its recommendations are implemented.
- To what extent is each of the new Member States linked via a computerized network to veterinary authorities of the EC and other Member States, through either ANIMO or TRACES and through ADNS?
- In view of the contribution of infected transit vehicles to the extensive CSF outbreak in the Netherlands in 1997, please describe the required procedures for the cleaning and disinfection of transit vehicles.
- Please define the smallest unit in each Member State which could be considered an "administrative unit." An administrative unit (AU) is considered to be the smallest administrative jurisdiction in the Member State with effective oversight of normal animal movements into, out of, and within that jurisdiction, and that, in association with national authorities, if necessary, has effective control over animal movements and animal diseases locally.

- Please provide surveillance data for both domestic swine and wild boar for the 5-year period between 1999 and 2003, as well as any data available for 2004.
- Please provide trade statistics, for both intra-community and third-country trade, for the 5-year period between 1999 and 2003, as well as any available data for 2004, describing import and export of live animals and animal products. Please report statistics for both live hogs and swine products (including swine meat) in both quantity and value terms for each country with which trade occurred.
- From what geographic areas of Member States would livestock or other commodities for export to the United States likely be obtained?

### **Disease status**

In previous evaluations of EU Member States, infected wild boar were identified as a risk factor for CSF. Please describe the current disease status and history of the disease in both wild boar and domestic swine. Describe the wild boar population, their density, movement patterns, and surveillance plans for monitoring CSF in wild boar populations. Describe the circumstances of CSF outbreaks in which CSF was transmitted from wild boar to domestic swine.

### **Adjacent regions**

Adjacent regions of primary concern for this review are third countries bordering the new EU boundaries. Specific concerns are noted for the following areas:

- 1) Cyprus – The fact that the southern portion of Cyprus, but not the northern part of the island, acceded to the EU is of concern regarding border controls. Please describe the movement controls and monitoring of the border between these two regions of Cyprus. Describe how Cyprus will prevent illegal movement of animals and animal products from the northern into the southern part of the island and subsequently into other areas of the EU.
- 2) Poland – Describe the movement controls in place in the Bialowieski National Park in Eastern Poland bordering Belarus and similar park areas across the border. Describe your assessment of the risk which may result from movement of wildlife from these areas into surrounding areas.

### **Vaccination status**

Which Member States have vaccination programs in place for wild boar? Describe the wild boar vaccination programs, including the method of vaccination, type of vaccine, monitoring and surveillance protocols, and controls to prevent domestic swine exposure to vaccine.

**Separation from higher-risk regions**

A primary focus of this analysis will be the new external EU boundaries, especially those bordering or close to regions in which CSF has been reported (e.g., bordering or near Croatia, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Romania, Kosovo, Moldova, and Russia). Please list all new border inspection posts (BIPs) along the new EU borders. What controls exist on new external EU borders? Describe how these BIPs are staffed, funded, and supervised. If any BIPs are staffed, funded, or supervised by the EC or other Member States, please describe the plan by which the Member State in which the BIPs are located will assume control and responsibility for them.

In addition, please address the separation between high- and low-risk areas within a Member State such as Slovakia, where infected wild boar or outbreaks in domestic swine have been detected.

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